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Review of ICDS Scheme
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to review the implementation framework for Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the progress made so far in this regard along with the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANGHI)

(a) to (c) Ministry of Women and Child Development is administering the ICDS Scheme, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme. The scheme aims at holistic development of children below 6 years of age and pregnant women & lactating mothers by providing a package of six services comprising (i) Supplementary Nutrition; (ii) Pre-school Non-Formal Education; (iii) Nutrition and Health Education; (iv) Immunization; (v) Health check-up; and (vi) Referral Services.

As on 31.12.2016, there are 13.52 lakh operational Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and 7073 operational projects. The services are currently being provided to 993.59 lakh beneficiaries of which 807.53 lakh are children under age of six years and 186.06 lakh are pregnant women & lactating mothers. Pre-school education is provided to 341.20 lakh children of 3-6 years (171.09 lakh boys and 170.11 lakh girls).

In order to address various programmatic, management and institutional gaps and to meet administrative and operational challenges, Government approved the Strengthening and Restructuring of ICDS Scheme in September 2012 with an over-all budget allocation of Rs.1,23,580 crore during 12th Five Year Plan. Alongwith the above proposal, implementation framework for ICDS was also approved.
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